

***Substance of Interview***

Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed potential amendments to the claims that could help distinguish the claims over the prior art and better focus on what Applicant believes to be the inventive aspect of the overall invention. Applicant's representative suggested language requiring that the multimedia processing system issue commands to the external system that the external system would then execute for the purpose of providing data to the multimedia processing system. Examiner stated that he did not see this type of feature in Ito (USPN 5,617,138) or the other previously applied references, but he would still need to fully reconsider all aspects of the applied references and perform a further search of the prior art based on any amendments entered. Applicant's representative stated that amendments and/or arguments were forthcoming and Examiner agreed to consider any amendments and/or arguments in due course.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES A. THOMPSON whose telephone number is (571)272-7441. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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